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**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Tri M. Mai

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**Status**

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_.

- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_.

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1. Claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sykes in. Sykes teaches a device made from plastic (col. 1, ln. 52) having corners and recess each defined in related one of the corners and armors 21 each put in related one of the recesses.

Regarding claim 2, note the recitation of the screw is an intended use.

Regarding claim 5, note the tool box being made from blowing plastic does not impart any structure over the plastic device in Sykes.

TM 2. Claim 3 <sup>is</sup> ~~are~~ rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Sykes rejection, as set forth above, and further in view of either Garcia (373232) or Burghardt (4731918). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide the countersink holes as taught by either Garcia (373232) or Burghardt to provide a flush surface for safety.

3. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art (figs 5-6, pg. 1, ln. 7-21) in view of either Sykes or Burghardt. The prior art teaches the device made from plastic having corners. The prior art meets all claimed limitations except for the recesses at the corners. Either Sykes or Burghardt teaches that it is known in the art to provide recesses at the corners for accommodating the armors. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide the recesses at the corners for accommodating the armors to provide a smooth appearance and for added safety from protrusions.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tri M. Mai whose telephone number is (571)272-4541. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30am-5:00pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anthony Stashick can be reached on (571)272-4561. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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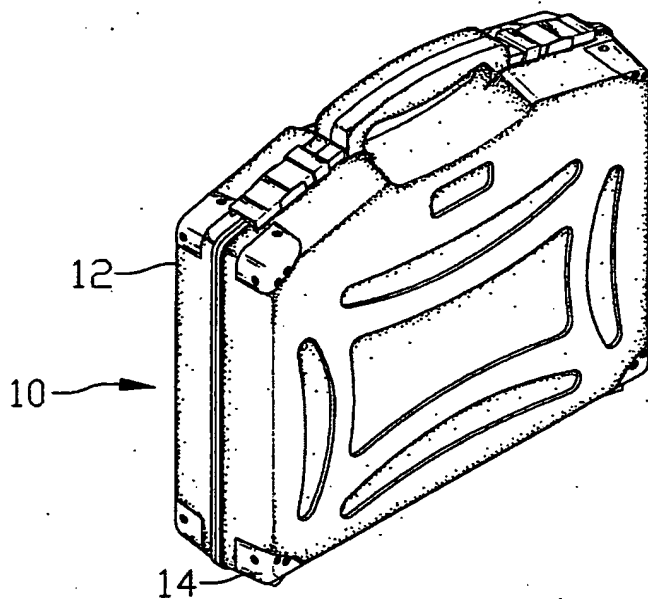


Fig. 1

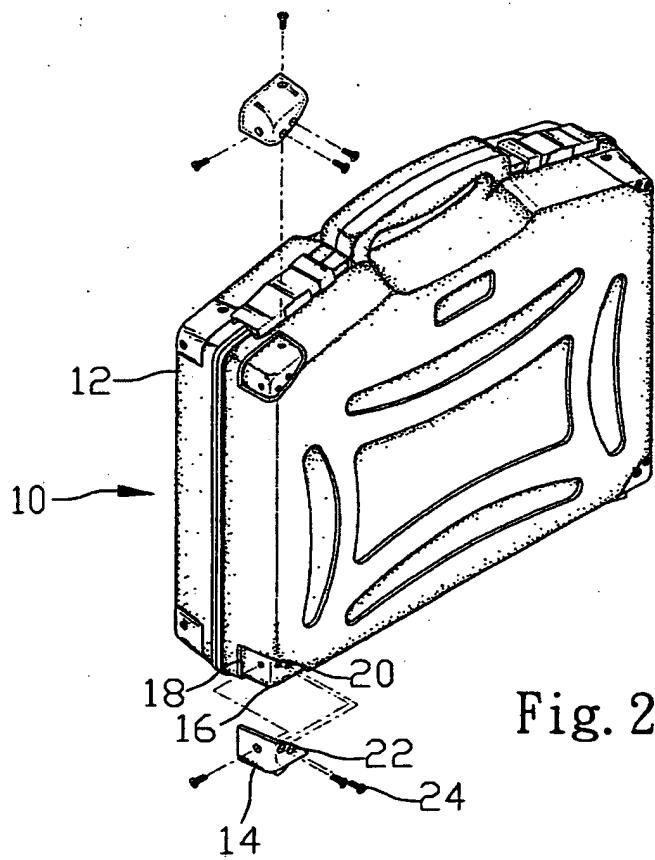


Fig. 2

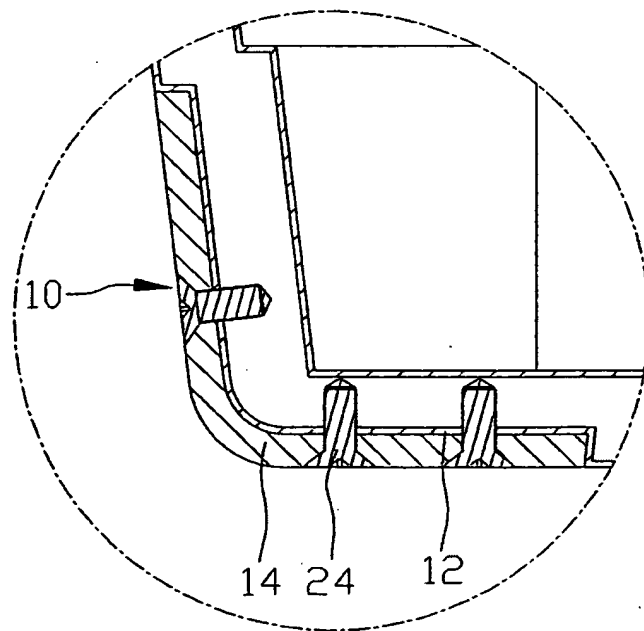
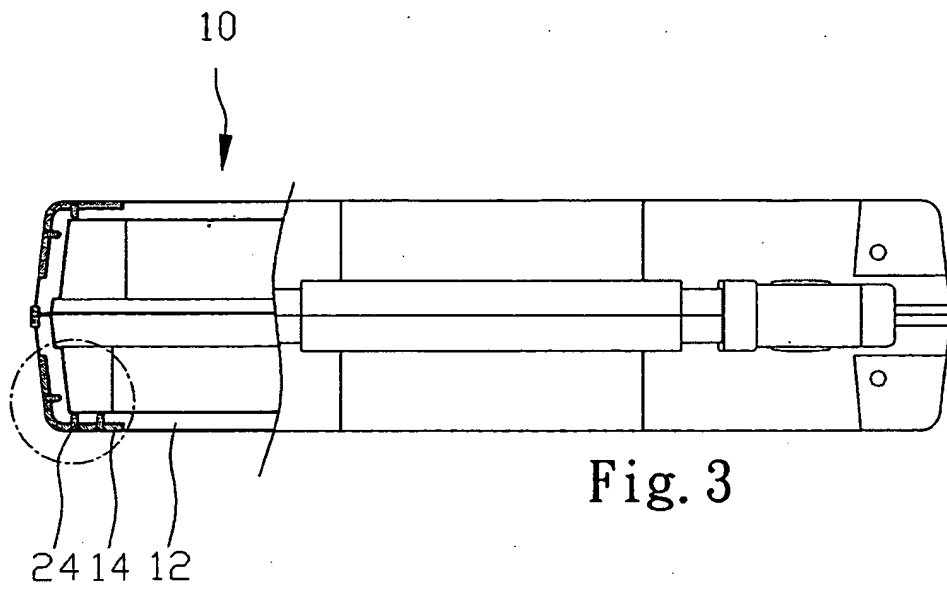


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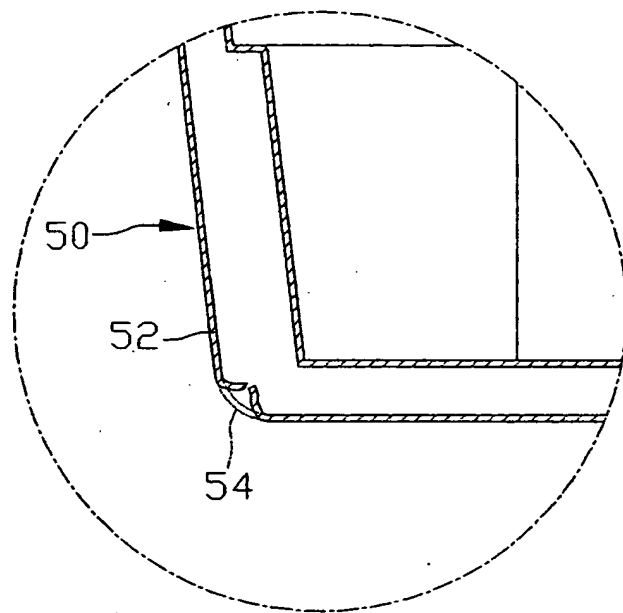


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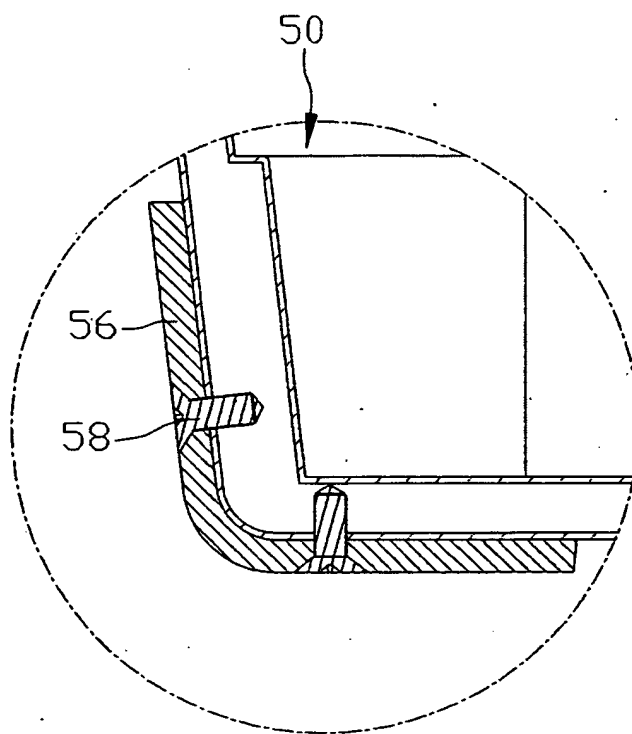


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